

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 38. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	71.1	75.7	78.4	66.4	70.4	73.3
• Passed 2 subtests	18.2	16.8	15.7	17.8	16.2	15.2
• Passed 1 subtest	7.5	7.0	5.9	9.9	8.8	7.5
• Passed no subtests	3.2	0.5	0.0	5.9	4.6	4.0

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	12.1%	22.6%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	14.8%	24.1%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	45.0%	54.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	98.2%	12.1%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	87.5%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	99.3%	13.1%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	97.4%	6.7%	
Female	98.9%	17.6%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	100.0%	0.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	100.0%	
White	98.1%	12.2%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	96.2%	4.8%	
Pay for lunch	98.6%	13.3%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	71.0%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	62.6%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,066	N/A	\$5,633	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 86.1%	90.3%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.5 to 1	N/A	26.2 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=882)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	34.3%	N/A	51.7%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.5%	95.3%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.2%	Up from 7.7%	9.5%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=56)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.9 Days	Up from 6.9	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 90.7%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Up from 48.1%	52.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Down from 89.3%	83.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	2.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.1%	Up from 89.1%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,252	Up 3.9%	\$39,045	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.0%	No change	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	53.6%	N/A	55.8%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	67.9%	N/A	62.5%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	8.5%	Up from 7.9%	9.2%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	49	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	7.7%	Up from 7.5%	9.6%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	16.9%	Up from 11.7%	11.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.5%	N/A	2.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	552	N/A	403	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	36.7%	N/A	24.2%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

We experienced a great year at West-Oak High School. Our students demonstrated improvement in academics and continued success in extracurricular activities.

Among our accomplishments are the following: The percentage of students passing Exit Exam Mathematics, first attempt, increased 4.9 points to 88.1. The percentage of students passing Exit Exam Reading, first attempt, increased 1.7 to 90.8. Sixty-seven seniors qualified for LIFE Scholarships. PSAT scores of our college bound juniors showed improvements in all areas, verbal +2, math +4.2 and writing +1.1. Our seniors earned over one-half million dollars in potential scholarship funds. We had more students, clubs, groups, and organizations participating and qualifying in state competitions. Several qualified to compete nationally. Service organizations and some classes provided many service hours to the community and feeder schools.

Our goal is to significantly increase our PSAT scores (10th grade), SAT/ACT scores (12th grade), and AP enrollment by intensifying counseling efforts, implementing departmental and grade level strategies, and employing school-wide initiatives. In addition, we are revising our Test Score Improvement Plan to include increasing parental communications and implementing a Freshman Success Program.

West-Oak High School continues to be a student-centered school. We strive to meet our mission of preparing all students to become responsible, productive citizens through a strong comprehensive educational program. Through our school improvement plan, we continue to implement strategies to improve all of our programs. Collaborative efforts of our students, parents, staff, and community will enable us to achieve an excellent rating.

Jenny H. Elliott, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	86.0	82.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.5	87.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	57.9	89.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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130 Warrior Lane  
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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 882 Students

### Principal

Mrs. Jenny Elliott 864-647-3065

### Superintendent

Buddy Garrett Herring 864-638-4000

### Board Chair

Harry B. Mays, Jr. 864-972-2136

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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